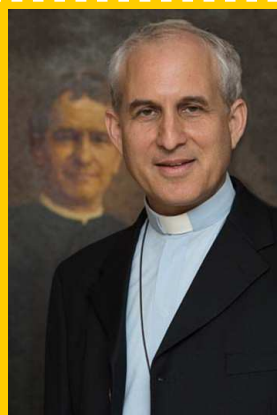


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Dear brothers, dear friends,

Last June Pope Francis visited the headquarters of the World Food Programme (WFP) in Rome. In his speech he said: *"I desire that the fight to eradicate the hunger and thirst of our brothers and sisters, and with our brothers and sisters, will continue to challenge us not to grow weary and to keep dreaming - both of these! - in seeking creative solutions of change and transformation."* We can tell the Holy Father: This is what our dear Father Don Bosco has always wanted to do, to be on the watch, but always dreaming. Here's what he has taught us to do. *"Where are the Salesians?" Don Bosco wrote in his letter from Rome (1884).* Since today Pope Francis invites the religious to *"wake up the world"*, we could also say: *"Why are the Salesians sleeping?"* And because sometimes we sleep, we cannot dream. At the origin of every missionary vocation is always the ability to keep awake before the enormous challenges of the mission, and of course, to dare to dream. Are you awake? Would you still like to dream? The mission *ad gentes, ad exteros, ad vitam* can knock any time. Do not sleep! Continue dreaming!

Guillermo Basañes
Fr. Guillermo Basañes SDB
Councilor for the Missions

VOLUNTEER SERVICE IS A WORK OF MERCY

“This merciful love, as in the early days of the Church, is witnessed to by many men and women of every age and condition. The considerable and growing presence of women in the missionary world, working alongside their male counterparts, is a significant sign of God’s maternal love. Women, lay and religious, and today even many families, carry out their missionary vocation in various forms: from announcing the Gospel to charitable service. Together with the evangelizing and sacramental work of missionaries, women and families often more adequately understand people’s problems and know how to deal with them in an appropriate and, at times, fresh way: in caring for life, with a strong focus on people rather than structures, and by allocating human and spiritual resources towards the building of good relations, harmony, peace, solidarity, dialogue, cooperation and fraternity, both among individuals and in social and cultural life, in particular through care for the poor.”



Pope Francis

Message for World Mission Day 2016

The Achuar are an indigenous people of an area between Peru and Ecuador, belonging to the Jivaroana family, as the Shuar, the Shiwiar, the Awajunt and the Wampis. They live on the banks of rivers Pastaza and Huasaga. The word "Achuar" originates from the name of the great palm trees of that region; the natives translate the word as "man of the swamp".

It is there that Salesian Fr. Luigi Bolla commenced a missionary adventure of 50 years, moved by his passion for announcing the Word of God. I bring the Word of God to 4 tribes: Shapra, Kandozi, Shawi and Awajun. He visits each one of them only once a year and remains there for 3-4 weeks. I usually travel in a boat called 'peque-peque', after the noise it makes when it sails.

The missionary goes into the forest to bring the Word of God, to celebrate the sacraments and the Eucharist, to read the Bible and pray the rosary. To children he teaches catechism and to play football. When he arrives at

one place, he is offered a drink called "masato", made with manioc, which has a different taste in each tribe and is served by the women. In indigenous families, the tasks of men and women are

very well defined and distinct. The population grows manioc, maize and rice.

Those who visit the missionary, in the midst of all that vegetation, wonder: "Where does this person draw the strength from to announce the Good News in such a place?" "When I sail in my canoe for six to seven hours, I pray the Rosary and the Cha-

plet of Divine Mercy. This gives me strength. Without the contact with God, I cannot do anything. Because of this, prayer, and prayer, and prayer again is essential for a missionary. In my journeys, I also read books and always remember that a missionary must sow. Jesus never deceives us and knows how to draw us out of the greatest problems".

Fr. Joseph Kamsa
Polish, missionary in Peru



Witness of Salesian Missionary Sanctity

Fr. Pierluigi Cameroni SDB, Postulator General for the Causes of Saints

Venerable Laura Meozzi (1874-1951), Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, a missionary in Poland, once wrote: "Totally trust in the Lord and in his infinite mercy, abandon yourself to him with great filial trust and love him without reserve, and offer him all the little trials every day at every moment always strive to have hands full of flowers and spread them over the thorns you encounter".



Salesian Missionary Intention

That missionary groups and missionary voluntary service may continue to grow in every Province of East Asia.

In all the Provinces of East Asia - Oceania Region the culture of mission groups is gradually being fostered. The missionary voluntary service, already established in the last 20 years, is also being strengthened. Let us pray for the growth of the missionary spirit through youth groups and the missionary voluntary service.

